

## LIVELINK Lets You Watch City Government in Action in the Comfort of Your Own Home

Beginning February 27th, Goodyear's City government meetings will be available live on the Internet or for on-demand viewing. The City of Goodyear's **LIVELINK** is a new videostreaming function that brings City government to you!

Just by clicking LIVELINK on the City of Goodyear's homepage ([goodyearaz.gov](http://goodyearaz.gov)), you will be able to watch your City officials in action at City Council Meetings and WorkSessions and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. See and hear it live or whenever it's convenient to you – 24/7. It's your choice.

Goodyear will be the first city in the Valley to offer its residents this exceptional service. While several Valley cities already show Council meetings on cable TV, the penetration of home computers with Internet providers is far greater than the number of cable subscribers.

The new software also creates digital archives that can be easily searched to find the specific topic you are interested in viewing. You can

retrieve a section of any meeting at any time using a simple keyword search similar to a "Google" search.

The City Clerk's office has been working for more than a year to bring you live Council and Commission meetings via the Internet. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's office at 623-882-7830.



West Valley Hospital presents Goodyear's first annual Heart & Sole 5k Run, Saturday, February 25, 8 a.m.

Running enthusiasts and families are invited to join in the fun! There will be music, interactive booths, food and a one-mile fun run.

The race takes place at West Valley Hospital, 13677 W. McDowell Rd., east of Litchfield Rd., in Goodyear.

Runners may pick up registration forms at Runners Den, any Sportsman's Warehouse, the City of Goodyear Public Works Operations Building at 200 S. Calle del Pueblo, and City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Or visit [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov). The cost for early registration (by February 17th) is \$20 for the 5k Run and \$15 for the One-Mile Fun Run. Late registration is \$25 for the 5k Run and \$20 for the One-Mile Fun Run. \$1 from each registration benefits the American Heart Association.

All participants will receive t-shirts, ribbons, finish-line refreshments and complimentary massages. Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female overall winners of the 5k Run and medallions to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place age division winners of the 5K Run. Post-race raffle prizes, too!

For more information, call 623-882-7534 or go to [goodyearaz.gov](http://goodyearaz.gov).

# Heart & Sole Run



## Goodyear Rodeo Days

**Senior Pro Rodeo  
February 24 - 26  
Estrella Mountain Regional Park**

**Presented by Southwest Valley  
Chamber of Commerce**



The Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Goodyear host senior pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls on Friday, Feb. 24 through Sunday, Feb. 26. Friday's Slack Night is free. Weekend festivities cost \$6 per day and begin at 2 p.m.

Be there for bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, tractor pull, kid's calf ribbon chase, live music, fun and food.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park Rodeo Arena is located five miles south of I-10, east of Estrella Parkway. For more information, visit [southwestvalleychamber.org](http://southwestvalleychamber.org) or call 623-932-2260.



**Mayor Jim Cavanaugh**

## Parks Prove Popular; More Coming

The responses we received from the most recent Citizen Survey indicated that parks are one of the key ways we could improve the quality of life in Goodyear. We value your feedback and are working to increase the number of parks in our community and the activities available to residents.

### **Goodyear Community Park**

In the year and a half since its opening, the Goodyear Community Park has proved to be one of the most popular places in our city. Thousands of individuals enjoyed several events in the park during this past year, including the Howling Halloween Bashes, the Race for the Cure, the fabulous firework show at the premier Spring Spectacular, and many others. The park has now become a place for friends and neighbors to gather and enjoy our city.

Without this park, thousands of adult athletes and aspiring young athletes wouldn't have been able to participate in the highly successful adult softball leagues, baseball and softball camps, t-ball and soccer leagues and Little League. Goodyear's Little League is already recognized by the national Little League and had almost 400 youngsters sign up the first year.

However, this 18-acre park only represents Phase I of the community park. Phase II will add nine more acres and many more exciting and long-awaited features that will allow us to expand our recreational programming. We are currently awaiting construction bids on Phase II and expect to begin building in March.

**Skate Park** - The most anticipated part of the Goodyear Community Park's second phase is Arizona's largest skate park. This 27,000-square-foot lighted facility was designed with extensive input from skateboarders who worked closely with our Parks Department to design the 51-foot long Peanut Bowl that is like a swimming pool with no water and the 16-foot diameter daring Half Capsule. There are ramps and curls for all levels of skateboarders from beginners to advanced. The new phase will also include 37 new parking spaces to accommodate the skate park as well as four tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts and two basketball courts.

**Splash Park** - Even though concrete and other construction materials are extremely costly at this time, we are hoping the bids come in low enough for us to also put in a Splash Park with water spray cannons and other water spray features. This would provide kids an alternative to going to the swimming pool as a way to cool off. If built, it will be adjacent to the existing Tot Lot so kids can go between the Splash Park and the swings and slides.

### **Estrella Foothills Park**

Last April, about 200 people eagerly attended a three-day planning charrette for the Estrella Foothills Park next to the Estrella Foothills High School. We will soon be acquiring the land and awarding the design of Phase I of this park in our southern area. Based on the charrette participants' input, Phase I will include three lighted Little League fields, a maintenance building and 45 parking spaces.

By forming a partnership with the Buckeye Union High School District, we will develop a mutually beneficial agreement that calls for the school to use the fields during weekdays and allows us to use the school's parking lot to augment our parking spaces on weekday evenings and on weekends. This way, we were able to devote most of the acreage to amenities rather than parking.

Residents who participated in the planning asked for Phase II to include lighted soccer fields and baseball fields as well as another skate park. Phase III calls for a 25-yard swimming pool that can accommodate all competitive high school events and City activities.

### **Looking Ahead**

It is the great cooperation in the planning between our residents, City staff and schools within our city that has resulted in parks that meet our residents' needs while still fitting into available funding in the City's budget. I am sure the incredible amount of activity we've seen in the first phase of the Goodyear Community Park will be repeated over and over as we bring new park amenities and new parks on line.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim", written in a cursive, flowing style.



### Goodyear City Council

Brenda Holland, Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Frank Cavalier,  
Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak  
and Georgia Lord

## Council Calendar

Monday, February 13, 2006 Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.	Monday, March 13, 2006 Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.
Monday, February 27, 2006 WorkSession - 5 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.	Monday, March 20, 2006 WorkSession - 5 p.m.
Monday, March 6, 2006 WorkSession - 5 p.m.	Monday, March 27, 2006 Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

All Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd., unless indicated otherwise.

## Goodyear Public Safety Day

Goodyear Police and Fire departments are partnering with fire and police agencies throughout the West Valley to present the Goodyear Public Safety Day on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event takes place at Target, 1515 N. Litchfield Rd., south of McDowell Rd.

Public Safety Day is full of fun, facts and demonstrations on how to keep you and your family safe. There will be free child safety car seat inspections as well as appearances



from McGruff the Crime Dog, as well as Cowboy Codey and his horse Sonny. Kids and parents will thrill at the site of fire engines and police vehicles. There will be exhibits from Project Child Safe, Drug-Free Arizona and Animal Control officials.

Bring the whole family to this free event. For more information, call 623-693-0097.



## Bring the Family to the Tres Rios Nature Festival

**March 11 and 12, 2006**  
**Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Tres Rios is a two-day festival that focuses on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and culture of the Gila River. The event is full of fun, tours, lectures, educational programs, hikes, children's activities and storytelling, canoe trips, fishing clinics, bird-watching and much more! Enjoy live musical entertainment and delicious food all weekend.

The Tres Rios Nature Festival is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a beautiful spring day in Arizona and learn something about the place we call home.

For wildlife enthusiasts and bird watchers, the festival offers in-depth classes on identifying those tricky sparrows, the impressive wetland birds, tips on wildlife photography and our region's unique Southwestern avifauna.

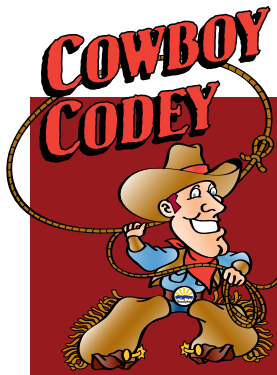
This event will be held at the Estrella Mountain Regional Park located at 14805 W. Vineyard Ave. in Goodyear. Take I-10 west to Estrella Parkway exit. Travel south to Vineyard Ave. Turn east on Vineyard Ave., go to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park entrance (south side).

For more information, call 623-204-2130 or visit [tresriosnaturefestival.com](http://tresriosnaturefestival.com) for complete details.

## Free Event

Registration fees are required for some tours.  
Please visit the Web site for details.





## Cowboy Codey Sez...

### "Keep Old Cars Outta' Sight"

Cowboy Codey sez keep inoperable vehicles stored out of sight. All vehicles that are parked in view must have up-to-date registration and license plates or be parked away from public view.

The only exception to this is for a vehicle on which maintenance is being performed.

You may work on your own vehicle for a period of 72 hours before it has to be moved out of sight.

Vehicles in view must be parked on approved surfaces such as concrete, masonry block driveway or asphalt. Vehicles cannot be parked on rock, dirt or grass or be stored in the front yard.

Keeping your vehicle clean and operable adds to the appeal of your home as well as your neighborhood.

## TAKE A HIKE

### WITH THE MAYOR

SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH



Join Mayor Cavanaugh on another "Hike with the Mayor." The 1.2-mile hike takes place at the Summit Trail on Piestewa Peak.

The trail is rated moderate to difficult, so those not up to the challenge should not sign up. The cost of the hike is \$5, which includes transportation, a hike t-shirt (for first-time participants), water and snacks. All hikers will meet at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. at 8 a.m. and will return by noon.

Space is limited, so those wishing to sign up should call Mark Kimball at 623-882-7534.

## Holiday Schedule

### Presidents Day Monday, February 20

**No interruption in service  
for contained and uncontained trash collection.  
City offices will be closed.**



## Sergeant Scott Benson Named Goodyear Employee of the Year

Police Sergeant Scott Benson was named Goodyear's Employee of the Year 2005.

Sergeant Benson is an exceptional leader and is very involved in community events, educational programs and the School Resource Police Officer Program. Scott always fosters a teamwork approach and never hesitates to lend a helping hand.



**Sgt. Scott Benson**

*To be named Employee of the Year, one must demonstrate performance and customer service to internal and external customers that goes above and beyond and exemplify pride and honor in his/her job.*

## Job Opportunities

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone: 623-882-7752. TTY: 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.



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